





pproximately 40% of Missouri's new teachers leave the teaching profession by their fourth year of teaching, and over half of teachers leave teaching before year six (DESE, Recruitment and Retention Report, 2021). Educational research also indicates that not only do people tend to go to college near where they were raised, but they often tend to return to their hometowns to teach (Swanson, 2011). Furthermore, more than 60% of America's teachers work within 20 miles of where they went to high school (Brown, 2016).

As teachers are the number one school-related factor in the success of students, it is imperative that students in your community have access to high quality teachers, regardless of where they attend school. Because of this, Grow Your Own (GYO) programs make sense for many reasons:

- 1. Provides a pipeline of new teachers for the students in your local community.
- 2. Provides new teachers who have an understanding and connection to the local community.
- 3. Provides an opportunity to increase the diversity of the local teacher workforce.
- 4. Provides an opportunity to recruit teachers in hard-to-staff geographic locations and content areas.

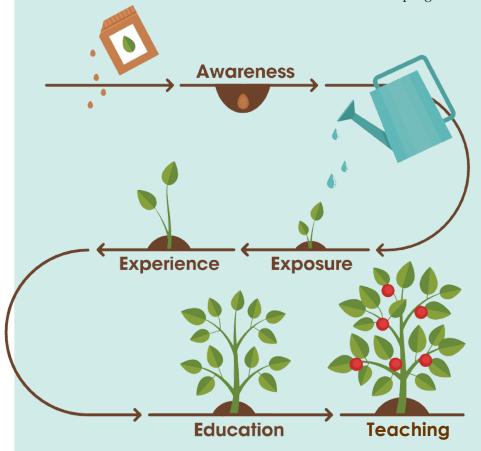




A Resource Guide to Creating Your Own Teacher Pipeline

ecruiting high quality educators is vital for the success of each student. Yet, there are many obstacles to becoming a teacher. GYO programs allow Missouri school districts to develop their own teacher pipeline. By attracting and supporting students in their home districts to be future teachers, they are helping to ensure excellent education for all.

Research supports growing your own teachers as a viable means of creating a continuous supply of quality, prospective candidates who are reflective of the diverse teacher workforce needs within a local school community. The Office of Educator Quality has identified key components of a framework that can be utilized as a resource for districts to launch a Grow Your Own program.





Key Aspects of Grow Your Own

Financial Incentives to Teach

- Full or partial scholarships (private and public sources)
- · Forgivable loans (private and public sources)
- Federal loan forgiveness programs (Title I schools)
- District benefits packages

Culture of Collaboration

- Public school districts
- Area colleges and universities
- Community partnerships
- Business sponsorships
- State education agency (DESE)

Content on HOW to be a Teacher

- Introductory education coursework (middle school and high school)
- · Dual credit A+ Program
- Cultural Competence Modules: Rural and Urban Settings
- Standards-based learning experiences: *Educators Rising, Future Teachers of America, Teacher Cadets*

Positive Promotion of Education Careers

- Enhance image of the education profession
- District-focused recognition of educator achievements
- Recruitment of middle school/high school talent

Workforce Development Initiative

- Teaching profession creates all other professions
- · Reduce critical shortage areas
- Educator training and development
- Workforce stabilization and diversification
- Specialized preparation (SPED/ESL/STEAM, urbaned.)

Early Field Experience and Exposure

- Junior teaching assistants
- High school tutors at the elementary and middle school levels
- · College of Education campus visits
- Education-themed career fairs at high schools
- Summer internships for high school juniors and seniors
- Substitute teaching/student-teachingopportunities

Community Building

- · Opportunity to give back to the home community
- · Sense of community pride
- Strong relationships between staff and students

GYO STATE GOAL:

100% of school districts/charter schools have a Grow Your Own program

As of April 2022, 470 of our total 555 school districts and charter schools have a Grow Your Own program.



Advantages of Grow Your Own



- Fosters a culture of collaboration between school districts, area colleges/universities and community/business partners
- Promotes a positive image of the education profession throughout the community
- Serves as a workforce development initiative to recruit and retain diverse teacher talent
- Builds on the success of existing GYO national, regional, and local models and resources
- Utilizes standards for faculty and students in the design and delivery of curricular strands for dual credit
- Offers financial incentives for aspiring teacher candidates to complete a four-year education degree
- Instills community pride when former students return home to teach
- Provides authentic early-learning field experiences in a variety of school settings for middle and high school students



Awareness Level

Build a base of support among educators and key stakeholders in your community about a Grow Your Own teacher pipeline

Steps to Increase Exposure about Grow Your Own (GYO)

Establish a Community-Based GYO Task Force

- Creates a group of school community stakeholders to develop a strategic plan
- Include: higher education, school board, superintendent's cabinet, HR, school leadership, teacher's union, classified employees, guidance counseling, aspiring teacher student organizations, community members or business partners

Conduct Action Research on Grow Your Own Best Practices

- The Grow Your Own Imperative (Dan Brown, Educational Leadership, summer 2016)
- Teacher Cadet Program (http://teachercadets.com)
- Essential Policies and Practices for GYO Programs (New America, 2019)
- Best Practices for High School GYO Teacher Programs (Hanover Research, 2019)

Create and Enhance Educator Recognition Programs

- Teacher of the Month
- Teacher of the Year
- Teacher Academy honorees
- Future Teacher Award
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Develop Partnerships

- Community organizations/businesses
- Area colleges and universities
- Local professional organizations

Launch a Media Campaign

Highlight teaching as a rewarding career through a variety of media sources

Exposure Level

Expose students at all levels (elementary, middle and high school) to the value and benefits of the teaching profession



Ways to Generate Student Interest in Teaching

Elementary School Students

- Career day presentations, "What it Takes to be a Teacher"
- Teacher assistant for a day

Middle School Students

Career exploration activities, "Educator for a Day"

Cultivate High School Students

- Host education career fairs featuring a diverse teacher workforce
- Showcase K-12 and higher education, as well as education-related career options

Promote Education as a Career Through Class Research Projects

- Include interviews of certified teachers in the district
- Research on guidance counseling/English language arts/social studies departments

Conduct Career Interest Surveys

- Use surveys disseminated through guidance counseling department at high school level to identify students interested inhuman services field
- Provide introduction to education elective courses
- Other surveys could identify strengths, interests, age-group preference and subjects of interest

Utilize A+ Students as Tutors

• Tutor at the middle and elementary school levels in conjunction with an evaluation tool that could identify potential teacher candidates

Ways to Cultivate Prospective Teacher Talent

Sponsor Clubs/Chapters and Partnerships with Higher Education

• Educators Rising and Future Teachers of America provide meaningful activities such as mentoring and tutoring at the middle and elementary levels, serving as teacher assistants, attending a school board meeting, participating in community service projects in schools and education-related settings (YMCA, LINC, community centers)

Host Annual College Fairs

 Target high school students interested in education careers featuring HSIs, HBCUs, STEM programs, urban-focused EPPs, rural-focused EPPs, and dual-certification programs (district-sponsored)

Identify Prospective Teacher Candidates

• Use various criteria based on needs of the local school district to identify particular students to participate (gender-males in elementary education or females in STEM), culturally diverse workforce (African-American, Asian, Hispanic and other minority students), SPED/ELL/STEM subject areas

Select Aspiring Teacher Candidates

- Acceptable academic and attendance performance
- Parent/guardian permission
- Educator/community member recommendation
- Completion of application materials

Provide Introductory Coursework

 $\begin{array}{ll} \bullet & \text{Education coursework/career-oriented elective courses offered in the 8th grade year and up} \\ \bullet & \text{Community and higher education partnerships} \end{array}$

Offer Job Shadowing Opportunities

• Provide special projects for middle and high school students

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Experience Level

Intentionally
cultivate early
learning
experiences
for middle
and high
school
students with
interest in
becoming a
teacher

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Education Level

Prepare aspiring teacher candidates for formal, four-year education degree program



Ways to Engage Students in the Skills and Knowledge about Teaching

Provide Standards-based Classroom Learning Opportunities

- Educators Rising https://www.mnea.org/edrising (see page 12)
- Future Teachers of America https://www.fta.msta.org (see page 12)

Develop a District-level Experiential Learning Module

• Immersion-based learning experiences such as CAPS teaching and learning strand

Arrange for Community College Credits

• Offer credits through the A+ Program to earn an initial two-year degree

Research Aspiring Teacher Leader Training

• Provide district-based funding in partnership with colleges and universities

Host District or University-sponsored Campus Visits

 Make visits to colleges of education for students to learn about degree programs (i.e. coursework, financial aid packages, housing, campus life)

Create Paid Summer or Year-round Internships

• Target seniors to gain relevant field experiences in elementary and middle school classrooms or during before/after school care programs

Research Scholarships/Forgivable Loans

 Provide incentives towards the completion of education degree; programs offered through private funding, universities/colleges, business/community partners, education foundations, district resources or PTO/PTA contributions to a scholarship fund

Provide Opportunities for Student Exploration

• Assist students in researching federal loan forgiveness/grant options to teach in Title I schools serving high-minority, high-poverty/rural remote school setting

Train for Cultural Competence or Community Responsiveness

· Provide training and authentic learning experiences in urban and rural school contexts



Building aGrow Your Own **Program**

Important Components for Building your Grow Your Own Program

- Partnerships Increasing the teacher pipeline through Grow Your Own programs
 requires collaborative relationships between K-12 schools and educator preparation
 programs. Missouri's K-12 schools have daily access to high school students with
 potential interest in the teaching profession while educator preparation programs are
 charged with preparing teacher candidates and recommending them for teacher
 certification.
- **Recruitment and selection** Increasing the teacher pipeline through Grow Your Own programs happens through thoughtful recruitment and selection of potential new teacher candidates. These individuals tend to enjoy helping people and like to learn. Those that are not necessarily straight A students may better relate to other students who struggle with learning.
- **Preparation and support** Increasing the teacher pipeline through Grow Your Own programs happens with intentional preparation and support. This allows potentially new teacher candidates to begin to learn about the teaching profession, particularly those things they can't see or know about as a student. Support from practicing teachers who serve as a kind of mentor provides valuable learning experiences.
- Evaluation Increasing the teacher pipeline through Grow Your Own programs
 requires an intentional process for determining the success of your strategies.
 Continue to do what is working and look for ways to expand it. Discontinue doing
 what doesn't work to allow needed attention and resources to be focused on those
 strategies producing positive outcomes.



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Important Possible Activities to Consider when Building your Grow Your Own Programs

Partnerships

Teacher education programs

O Host events to connect students with educator preparation programs and personnel including field trips to campuses and observing classrooms with college students.

Community

• Host events to connect students to important community members and stakeholders to demonstrate broad support around teacher candidates.

Teacher networks

o Provide informational trips to other regional schools to allow students to connect with teachers outside their local school district or school.

Recruitment and Selection

Informational events

 Provide events for students to build their interest in the teaching profession (i.e. Opportunity Fairs, College and Career Nights, college campus visits, etc.)

Communication materials

• Create materials that promote the teaching profession like brochures, t-shirts, window clings, pins, etc.

Public service announcements

O Develop announcements featuring prominent individuals talking about the importance of teachers in their lives and the teaching profession

Middle school exploration classes

o Provide guest speakers, campus visits and other field trips to middle school students to spark their interest of the teaching profession.

Announcement event

O Host a dinner (celebration) to announce high school students entering a teacher education program and invite parents, mentor teachers, and administrators.

Preparation and Support

Teaching clubs or academies

o Invite students to participate in a Teacher Academy, Future Teachers of America chapter, Educator Rising chapter and/or Teacher Cadet opportunity.

Learning opportunities

• Establish dual credit or dual enrollment opportunities and/or scholarships to support students' education about the teaching profession.

Fiscal support for students

• Provide district employment to students as a before/after school care aid, tutor, substitute assistant, summer school jobs, etc.

Scholarships

o Provide scholarships for tuition or room and board for students taking teacher education courses and agreeing to come back and teach in the district.

Evaluation

Data collection

o Collect school and university data on the efficacy of your GYO strategies and efforts.

Reporting events

• Publicly share data and stories on the success of students and your GYO program.







School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

1-200 Students

Adair Co. R-II Altenburg 48 Atlanta C-3 Avenue City R-IX Ballard R-II Bevier C-4 Blackwater R-II Boncl R-X Bosworth R-V Bronaugh R-VII Bucklin R-II Calhoun R-VIII Centerville R-I Chilhowee R-IV Clarksburg C-2 Climax Springs R-IV Cooper Co. R-IV Cooter R-IV

Davis R-XII Delasalle Charter School

Delta C-7

Couch R-I

Cowgill R-VI

Dadeville R-II

East Lynne 40 Everton R-III Franklin Co. R-II Gasconade C-4 Gilliam C-4 Gilman City R-IV Glenwood R-VIII Golden City R-III Gordon Parks Elem. Green Forest R-II Grundy Co. R-V Hale R-I Hardeman R-X

Hawthorn Leadership School Girls

Higbee R-VIII High Point R-III Hume R-VIII Hurley R-I **Iamestown C-1 Jefferson C-123** Junction Hill C-12 Kelso C-7

Kingston 42

La Salle Charter School

Leesville R-IX Leopold R-III Linn Co. R-I Livingston Co. R-III Lutie R-Vi Macon Co. R-IV Madison C-3 Manes R-V

Miami R-I Middle Grove C-1 Miller Co. R-III Missouri City 56 Moniteau Co. R-V Montrose R-XIV

New York R-IV Newtown-Harris R-III Norborne R-VIII North Mercer Co. R-III Northeast Vernon Co. R-I Northwestern R-I Oak Hill R-I Orearville R-IV Osage Co. R-I Osborn R-O

Pettis Co. R-XII Phelps Co. R-III Plainview R-VIII Pleasant View R-VI Prairie Home R-V

Renick R-V Ripley Co. R-III Ripley Co. R-IV Roscoe C-1 Shawnee R-III Sheldon R-VIII Shell Knob 78

South Nodaway Co. R-IV Southwest Livingston Co. R-I

Spickard R-II Spring Bluff R-XV Strain-Japan R-XVI Strasburg C-3 Tanevville R-II The Soulard School Tina-Avalon R-II Tri-County R-VII Union Star R-II Westview C-6

Winston R-VI

School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

201-400 Students

Academy for Integrated Arts Adair Co. R-I Appleton City R-II Bakersfield R-IV Bell City R-II Brunswick R-II Bunker R-III Chadwick R-I City Garden Montessori

Clarkton C-4 Delta R-V Dent-Phelps R-III

Dora R-III Drexel R-IV Exeter R-VI Fair Play R-II Gideon 37 Glasgow Green City R-I Green Ridge R-VIII Greenfield R-IV Hardin-Central C-2 Hermitage R-IV Howell Valley R-I Humansville R-IV Iron Co. C-4 Kairos Academies King City R-I Kingsville R-I Kirbyville R-VI La Monte R-IV Lafayette Preparatory Academy

Leeton R-X Lesterville R-IV Liberal R-II Lockwood R-I Lonedell R-14 Macks Creek R-V Meadville R-IV

Navlor R-II Nell Holcomb R-IV Newburg R-II Niangua R-V Nodaway-Holt R-VII North Andrew Co. R-VI North Nodaway Co. R-VI North Pemiscot Co. R-I North Wood R-IV Northeast Nodaway Co. R-V Northeast Randolph Co. R-IV

Norwood R-I Oak Ridge R-VI Oran R-III

Oregon-Howell R-III Orrick R-XI Otterville R-VI Pattonsburg R-II Pettis Co. R-V Pilot Grove C-4

Polo R-VII Princeton R-V Rich Hill R-IV Richards R-V Richland R-I Risco R-II Rock Port R-II Scott Co. Central Scuola Vita Nuova Slater

South Iron Co. R-I Southland C-9 Stoutland R-II Sturgeon R-V Valley R-VI Walnut Grove R-V

Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Wellsville Middletown R-I

Wheatland R-II Worth Co. R-III

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School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

401-800 Students

Adrian R-III
Albany R-III
Allen Village
Alton R-IV
Archie R-V
Ash Grove R-IV
Bismarck R-V
Bloomfield R-XIV
Blue Eye R-V
Brentwood
Cabool R-IV
Campbell R-II
Canton R-V
Chaffee R-II
Charleston R-I
Clinton Co. R-III
Cole Camp R-I
Cole Co. R-V
Concordia R-II
Crane R-III
Crocker R-II
Crystal City 47
Diamond R-IV
Dixon R-I

East Buchanan Co. C-1 East Carter Co. R-II Elsberry R-II Fairview R-XI

401-80
Fayette R-III
Fordland R-III
Gainesville R-V
Galena R-II
Gallatin R-V
Grandview R-II
Greenville R-II
Hamilton R-II
Harrisburg R-VIII
Hartville R-II
Hayti R-II
Henry Co. R-I
Hickory Co. R-I
Holcomb R-III
Iberia R-V
Jasper Co. R-V
Kc International Academy
Knox Co. R-I
Laclede Co. C-5
Laclede Co. R-I
Lakeland R-III
Laquey R-V
Lee A. Tolbert Com. Academy
Licking R-VIII
Lift For Life Academy
Lincoln R-II
Louisiana R-II
Mansfield R-IV

udents
Marceline R-V
Maries Co. R-I
Maries Co. R-II
Marion C. Early R-V
Marionville R-IX
Maysville R-I
Meadow Heights R-II
Midway R-I
Milan C-2
Miller R-II
Monroe City R-I
Morgan Co. R-I
Neelyville R-IV
New Bloomfield R-III
New Franklin R-I
New Haven
North Platte Co. R-I
North Side Community Schoo
Osage Co. R-II
Osage Co. R-III
Osceola
Paris R-II
Pierce City R-VI
Pleasant Hope R-VI
Portageville
Putnam Co. R-I
Puxico R-VIII
Ralls Co. R-II

ed by size (number of students):		
	Richland R-IV	
	Salisbury R-IV	
	Sarcoxie R-II	
r R-V	Schuyler Co. R-I	
X	Scotland Co. R-I	
	Scott City R-I	
ts R-II	Senath-Hornersville C-8	
	Seymour R-II	
	Shelby Co. R-IV	
	Sherwood Cass R-VIII	
I	Silex R-I	
	Smithton R-VI	
	South Callaway Co. R-II	
d R-III	South Pemiscot Co. R-V	
R-I	Southwest R-V	
	Sparta R-III	
o. R-I	Spokane R-VII	
nmunity School	St. Louis Lang Immersion	
	School	
	Summersville R-II	
	Thayer R-II	
	Tipton R-VI	
I	Van Buren R-I	
R-VI	Westran R-I	
	Wheaton R-III	
	Winona R-III	
	Woodland R-IV	



School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

801-2,000 Students

Arcadia Valley R-II Aurora R-VIII Ava R-I Bayless Boonville R-I Bowling Green R-I Brookfield R-III Butler R-V Cameron R-I Carrollton R-VII Caruthersville 18 Cassville R-IV Chillicothe R-II Clark Co. R-I Clearwater R-I Clever R-V Clinton

Crawford Co. R-I Crawford Co. R-II Crossroads Charter Schools

Dallas Co. R-I

Dunklin R-V Eagle College Prep Endeavor East Prairie R-II El Dorado Springs R-II

Eldon R-I Forsyth R-III Fredericktown R-I Frontier Schools Gasconade Co. R-I Gasconade Co. R-II Gateway Science Academy Guadalupe Centers Schools

Hallsville R-IV

Hogan Preparatory Academy

Holden R-III Hollister R-V Houston R-I Jefferson Co. R-VII Kennett 39 Kingston K-14 Knob Noster R-VIII Lafayette Co. C-1 Lamar R-I Lathrop R-II Lawson R-XIV Lewis Co. C-1 Lexington R-V Macon Co. R-I Malden R-I

Maplewood-Richmond Heights

Maryville R-II Moniteau Co. R-I Montgomery Co. R-II Morgan Co. R-II Mountain Grove R-III Mountain View-Birch Tree R-III

Mt. Vernon R-V New Madrid Co. R-I

North Callaway Co. R-I Oak Grove R-VI Odessa R-VII

Palmyra R-I

Potosi R-III

Premier Charter School Reeds Spring R-IV Richmond R-XVI Salem R-80 School of the Osage Scott Co. R-IV Seneca R-VII

Southern Boone Co. R-I

St. James R-I

Ste. Genevieve Co. R-II

Steelville R-III Stockton R-I Strafford R-VI Sullivan Trenton R-IX Twin Rivers R-X University Academy

Valley Park Warsaw R-IX

West St. François Co. R-IV Willow Springs R-IV Winfield R-IV

School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

2,001-6,000 Students

Affton 101 Belton 124 Bolivar R-I Branson R-IV Cape Girardeau 63 Carl Junction R-I Carthage R-IX Center 58 Central R-III Confluence Academies

Desoto 73 Dexter R-XI **Excelsior Springs 40**

Farmington R-VII Festus R-VI Fort Osage R-I Fulton 58

Grain Valley R-V Grandview C-4 Hannibal 60 Harrisonville R-IX Hickman Mills C-1 Hillsboro R-III Jackson R-II **Jennings** Kearney R-I

Kipp St Louis Public Schools

Kirksville R-III Kirkwood R-VII Ladue

Lebanon R-III Logan-Rogersville R-VIII

Marshall Marshfield R-I Mcdonald Co. R-I Meramec Valley R-III

Mexico 59 Moberly Monett R-I Neosho School District

Nevada R-V Normandy Schools

Collaborative North St. Francois Co. R-I

Northwest R-I Ozark R-VI Pattonville R-III Perry Co. 32 Platte Co. R-III Poplar Bluff R-I Republic R-III

Riverview Gardens

Rolla 31 Savannah R-III Sedalia 200 Sikeston R-6 Smithville R-II Special School District St. Charles R-VI St. Clair R-XIII Union R-XI University City Warren Co. R-III Warrensburg R-VI Washington Waynesville R-VI Webb City R-VII Webster Groves West Plains R-VII

Windsor C-1

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School districts with a Grow Your Own program, categorized by size (number of students):

6,000+ Students

Blue Springs R-IV Columbia 93

Ferguson-Florissant R-II

Fox C-6

Francis Howell R-III Ft. Zumwalt R-II Hazelwood

Independence 30 Jefferson City Joplin Schools Kansas City 33 Lee's

Summit R-VII Liberty 53

Lindbergh Schools

Mehlville R-IX Nixa Public Schools

North Kansas City 74

Park Hill Parkway C-2

Raymore-Peculiar R-II

Raytown C-2

Ritenour

Rockwood R-VI Springfield R-XII St. Joseph

St. Louis City Troy R-III

Wentzville R-IV

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Jackson R-II Kennett 39

Knob Noster R-VIII Lakeland R-III Lebanon R-III Linn County R-I

Marshfield R-I Monroe City R-I Montgomery County R-II

North Callaway County R-I North Kansas City 74

Northeast Randolph Co R-IV

Northwestern R-I Plato R-V

Ralls County R-II

Rolla 31

Salisbury R-IV Santa Fe R-X Savannah R-III

School of The Osage R-II

Scott City R-I Scott County R-IV South Harrison County R-II

Southland C-9 St. James R-I

Ste Genevieve County R-II

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Fort Zumwalt South High School Fort Zumwalt West High School

Francis Howell

Francis Howell Central High School Francis Howell High School Francis Howell North High School

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Lindbergh,

Lindbergh High School Southland CAPS

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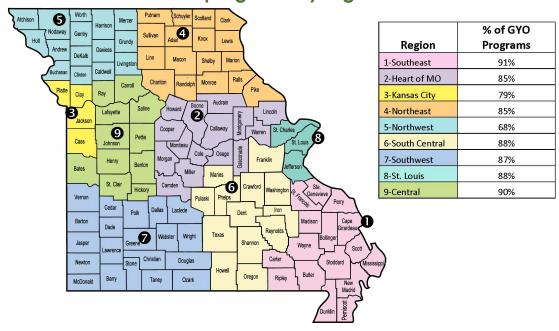
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Percent of Grow Your Own programs by region



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